

ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED

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Of, in the second Triennall

Visitation, of the Right
Reverend Father in God,

WILLIAM,

Lord Bishop of BATH and

WELLS.

Holden in the yeare of our

Lord God, 1636.



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The Oath to be ministred to the *Churchwardens, and Sidemen.*

You shall sweare, that you, and every of you, without all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward, and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice of any person, shall present all, and every such person, or persons of, or within your Parish, who hath committed any offence, fault or crime, mentioned in any of these Articles, or which are vehemently suspected, or otherwise defamed of any such offence, fault, or crime: wherein you shall deale uprightly, according to truth, neither of malice prelenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and so conceale the Truth: having in this action God before your eies, with an earnest zeale to mainaine truth, and supprese vice. So helpe you God, and the Contents of this Booke.

Articles to be enquired of within the
Diocesse of Bath and Wells, in the
Visitation to be holden in the
Yeare of our Lord God,
1636.

Articles concerning the Clergie.

Q1. Nprimis, Whether hath your Minister read
the Constitutions set forth by his Maiestie, once
every year, vpon some Sundaires or Holidaies,
in the affermauns; before divine Service, as he
is bound?

2. Whether doth your Minister, or Prea-
cher in his Prayer before his Sermon, use to pray for the
Kings Maiestie, King Charles, with his whole title, as King
of great Brittaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,
and in all causes, and over all persons as well Ecclesiasticall
as Tempozall, within his Vighnesse Dominions, next and
immediately vnder God supreme Governor: and whether
both he also pray for the Daunes Maiestie, prouince Charles,
and the rest of the King and Daunes roayall Pragente: And
both he in like maner then pray for the Archbishops, and Bi-
shops, as by Law is also appointed, and doth he exhort the peo-
ple to obedience to his Maiestie, and all Magistrate in autho-
rity vnder him?

3. Whethier doth your Minister use the proscript forme of
Divine Service vpon Sundaires, Holidaies, Wednesdaies,
and Fridaies, according to the Booke of Common-prayer,
without any omission, addition, or alteration; and doth he say
Divine Service vpon the Eues of every Sunday & Holiday,
at fit and vsuall times: And whethier doth your Minister du-
ly obserue all the orders, Rites and Ceremonies, prescribed in
the Booke of common Prayer as well in reading publique

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Peayers and the Letanie, as also in administering the Sacra-
ments in such maner and forme, as by the Booke of Common
Prayer by Law now established, is enjoyned?

4. Whether doth your Minister celebrate the holy Com-
munion so often, and at such times, as that euery Parishioner
may receive the same at least thrice in every yeare, whereof
once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common Prayer is ap-
pointed?

5. Whether doth your Minister receive the same himselfe,
on every day that he administreth it to others, knelling at the
same, and administreth to none but such as doe knæle at the
receiving thereof, and vse the wordes of the Institution accord-
ing to the Booke, at every time that the Bread and Wine is
received, in such maner and forme, as by the Proviso of the
one and twentie Canons is directed: or wherein is he faulty
touching the premises: and whether is warning given by him
before hand for the Communion as the two and twentie Can-
on requireth?

6. Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of
the Lords Supper, Baptisme, Instruction of Children, So-
lemnization of Matrimonie, Visitation of the Sicke, Buriall
of the Dead, the Communion and Churching of Women,
vnder such wordes, Rites and Ceremonies as are set forth,
and prescribed in the said Booke of Common Prayer, and no
other?

7. Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Commu-
nion, any notorious offenders, or heresymptes, contrary to the
26. and 27. Constitutions.

8. Whether your Minister together with the Churchwar-
dens, and Side-men do take diligent heed and care, not only
that all, and euer one of your owne Parishioners, do Receive
thrice in every yeare, as aforesaid, but also that no strangers
of any other Parish doe come often, and commonly to your
Church from their owne Parish Church, contrary to the
twenty eight Canon: And you are now to present the Names
of all those, who being of the age of Sixteene yeeres or upwards,
have not in their owne Parish at, or since Easter last, re-
ceived

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reined the Communion, according to the hundred and twelvth Canon.

9 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the Children with the signe of the Crosse, when they are Baptized, according to the Booke of common Prayer, or Baptize in any Mason or Tessel, and not in the vsuall Font, or hath he Baptized any Children that were not borne in the Parish; And whether hath he deferred, or wilfullly refused to Baptize any Infant in his Parish being in danger, having bene duly informed of the weaknesse thereof, and whether the Childe hath dyed in his default without Baptisme; Or whether hath hee at any time refused or neglected to Bury the Dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any, being in extremity of sicknesse, having bene required thereunto, or hath he buried any in Christian Buriall, which by the Constitutions of the Church of England, ought not to be so interred?

10 Whether is your Minister continually Resident with you vpon his Benefice, or for how long time hath he bene absent, and where is hee Resident for the most part, and what other Benefice hath he?

11 Whether doth your Minister Preach usually according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure with you once every Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell neare adjoyning, where no Preacher is, or how often hath he bene negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed, if yea, then by whom: if no, then doth hee procure Sermons to be Preached among you once in euery moneth at least, by such as are lawfully licensed?

13 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice, and whether doth hee supply his absence by a Curate that is Licensed to Preach in that Cure, whereon hee himselfe is not resident; or otherwise in case hee doth not finde a Preaching Minister there, by reason of the smalnesse thereof, whether doth he Preach at both his Benefices vsually himselfe, according to the soþy seventh Canon: And doth he or his Curate up-

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on every Sunday, when there is no Sermon, reade an Homily or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe?

14 Whether is your Curate Licensed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocesse or his Chanceller: And whether doth he serve any more Cures then one: If yea, what other Cure doth hee serve: and how farre are they distant one from the other, and whether hath your Curate any Benefice or Cure of Soules besides your Cure?

15 If your Minister be not Licensed to Preach, whether doth he take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure, or else where, contrary to the 49 Canon?

16 Whether hath any person bene admitted to Preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you have well knowne to be sufficiently Licensed: you shall Present their Names whom you have so admitted, and how often they have Preached, and by whose procurement?

17 Whether haue you caused every strange Preacher, licensed or not licensed to subscribe his Name, according to the 50 and 52 Canons: And whether haue they, or any other preached in your Church, not being soberly and decently apparelled according to the 74. Canon?

18 Whether doth your Parson, or Vicar, or Preacher reade Divine Service, and minister the Sacraments in his owne person twice euery yere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the Booke of Common Prayer established, according to the 56. Canon.

19 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surplice, while he is saying the publique Prayers, and ministering the Sacraments: and if hee be a Graduate, whether doth hee also weare upon his Surplice during the time afore said, such a Hood as by the Ordens of the University is agreeable to his degrés?

20 Whether doth your Minister every Sunday and Holi-day before Evening Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, Catechise and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your Parish, in the ten Commandements, the Articles of Beliefe, and the Lords Prayer: And whether doth hee vse the Catechisme

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chisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer, and instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme, or what Catechisms else hath he use?

21 Whether is the Kings Majesties declaration prefirred before the Articles of Religion concerning the settling of the questions in difference duly obserued by your Minister, Preacher, or Lecturer, and all others within your Parish, according to his Majesties late commandement: And whether are your after-newnes Hormons turned into Catechizing by question and answere (vnlesse there be some great cause apparent to the contrary) according to his Majesties late order?

22 Whether hath any person within your Parish (vnder Nobis men, and men qualifid by law) any Chaplaine in his house; if so, you shall present their names.

23 Whether hath your Minister bene at any schismatycall conventicles, or hath conferred with any about any private orders for Prayers, Preaching, or expounding the Scriptures, contrary to the booke of Common Prayer, and the Lawes established: if so, you shall present them all.

24 Whether hath your Minister appointed any publique or private Fastes, Preaching, or Lecturing, not approued, and established by law or publique authority?

25 Whether hath your Minister without Licence from the Court of Faculties, or from the Archibishop, or the Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor, solemnized Marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being thre: severall Sundayes or Holidays first published in time of Divins Service in the seuerall Churches and Chappells of their severall abodes, according to the booke of Common Prayer: or without licence in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were so published, or at any time, except betwixt the houres of eight and twelve in the sonnenone: or hath your Minister married any of another Diocesse: or hath any of your Parish bene married in another Diocesse, if any hath bene so married, or licensed to marrie by any authority other then afore-said, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the authority whereby this was done?

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26 Whether hath your Minister since the last Canons publickly solemnized any mariage betwixt any persons, being under the age of twenty and one yeres, although the Banes haue binne thrice asked, before such time as the Parents haue made knowne to him their consents therunto, contrary to the 100 Canon?

27 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at Morning Prayer, declare vnto the Parishioners what Holydayes and Fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weekes following, according to the booke of Common Prayer?

28 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by Law? And in the same perambulation moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits, vsing such Psalmes, and Prayers as haue binne accustomed?

29 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon) presumed to reade Common Prayer openly in the Church or Chappell, or to serue the Cure of the Parish? And whether hath any Deacon, not haing received the full Orders of Priesthood, administered the Sacraments in your Church or Chappell? and you are to present the name of any that hath offended herein.

30 Whether doth your Minister every six moneths denounce in his Parish Church, all such as doe perseuer in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolved? And whether hath he said Divine Service, while any Excommunicate person hath binne present in the Church, or hath admitted any person Excommunicate into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary, or other competent Judge?

31 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour, and labour diligently with mildnesse and temperance, to reclaine Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such abiding there? and whether any of them being so offered conference by your Minister, doe refuse it?

32 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, too much conuersant with, or a fauourer of Recusants, whereby he may

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be suspected not to be sincere in Religion ?

33 Whether hath your Minister, or any other, taking upon him the calling of a Minister, preached, baptized children, (except in case of necessity) solemnized Marriage, Churched any Woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house or houses, otherwise then by Law is allowed ? if yea, then where ? whom ? when ? and how often hath he offended in any of the premisses ?

34 Whether doth your Minister resort to such as be sick to instruct, and comfort them in their distresse, according to the Booke of Common Prayer ?

35 Whether doth your Minister carefully looke to the relief of the Poore ? and whether doth he from time to time call upon his Parishioners to bestow, and give somewhat, as they may spare, to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Testaments ?

36 Whether doth your Minister use such decencie, and comeliness in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enjoyned him ? and is hee of sober behavour, and one that doth not use such bodily labour as is unseemely for his calling ?

37 Whether do you know any in your Parish, that having heretofore taken upon him the order of Priest or Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Layman, or neglecting his vocation liueth idly, serueth no Cure, or preacheth no where ?

38 Whether is your Minister noted, or reputed to be an incontinent person, a frequenter of Tavernes, or Alehouses, a common Gamester, or player at Dicke, a common Swearer or Drunkard, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiastical censures, whereby he is offensive or scandalous to his function or Ministry ?

39 Whether doth your Minister use the forme of banks, giving to Women after their childe-birth ? and whether hath he admitted any theremto, that was begotten with childe in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary ?

40 Whether hath your Minister received any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from the Bishop of this

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Diocese, or his Chanceller, or other Ordinaries against any of his Parishioners, which he hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, the next Sunday or Holiday after the Receipt of the same, in time of Divine Service in your Church or Chappell?

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1 **W**ether haue you in your severall Churches or Chappells, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiastical, ready to be read by the Minister according to his Majesties pleasure, published by his Hignesse authority under the great Seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment Register Booke provided for Christnings, Marriages, and Burials: and whether is the same duly, and exactly kept according to the Constitution in that behalfe provided: and haue the Churchwardens exhibited a transcript thereof unto the Lord Bishops Registry every yere, since the last Triennial Visitation, as by the 70. Canon is required?

3 Whether haue you provided the Booke of Common Prayer lately set forth by his Majesties authority, and the Booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last Translation: And whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set up in the ancient vsual place, a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke or some other decent stoffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time: And whether is the same Table placed in such convenient sort as is ordered and appointed in that behalfe: and whether is it so vsed out of the time of Divine Service as is not agreeable to the holy use of it, as by sitting on it, throwing Hats on it, waiting on it, or is it abused to other prophane uses: And whether are the ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose?

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4 Whether have you a convenient Seat for your Minister to reade Sermons, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a conuenient place, with a decent Cloth or Cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup of Silver, and a cover agreeable for the same, with all other things, and Ornamenta necessary for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong Chest for the Almes of the Poor, with thre locks and keys, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key: And another Chest for the keeping of the Ornamenta of the Church, and Register Booke?

5 Have you a faire Paper Booke, wherein every Preacher which is a Stranger Hall write his name, the day hee preacheth, and by whose authority he is licensed?

6 Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof, in god reparations in all points, and decently, and comely kept, as well within as without, & are the Seates of your Church or Chappell well maintained? And whether is your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging in god Reparations? And whether is your Church-house well repaired, and employed to its right use? If not, then through whose default, and what are the defects thereof?

7 Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently repaired, fenced, and maintained with walls, railles, or pales, according to the 85. Canon: if not, then through whose default any part is left unrepairede, and at whose charge the same is to be repairede?

8 Whether hath any person encroched on the ground of the Churchyard, and if any hath, what quantity of ground hath he encroached? And whether is any part of your Churchyard encompased by Tombs, or Monuments erected without the allowance of the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellour; when, for whom, and by whom such Tombes and Monuments have bene so erected?

9 Is your Church or Chappell decently paved and is your Churchyard well and orderly kept without abuse? Are the

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bones of the dead decently interred, or laid up in some fit place, as becometh Christians. And is the whole consecrated ground kept free from Swine, and all other nastiness, as becometh the place so dedicated?

10. Whether have any ancient Monuments, or Glasse windowes beeene defaced, or any brasle Inscriptions, Lead, Stones, or any thing else belonging to your Church or Chapell, beeene at any time purloyned, and by whom?

11. Whether have you in your Church any ancient or true Note, or Terrier of al the Glebes, Lands, Meadowes, Gardens, Orchardes, Houses, Stocks, Implements, Tenements, & portions of Tithes, lying within or without the Parish, which belongs to your Parsonage or Vicarage; if there be any, whether is it well kept and preserved for the use of the succeeding Incumbents, and in what particular place is it kept? And whether is there a true Copie of the same engrossed in parchment, sent into the Registry of the said Lord Bishop, there to be kept for a perpetuall memory thereof?

12. Whether hath any sold, or made away any of the Bell, Bell-mettle, or do wilfully hold any of the Church stock or goods?

Articles concerning Ecclesiastical Officers.

1. Whether doe you know, or have heard of any payment, composition, or agreement, to or with the Chancellour, Register, or other inferiour Officers Ecclesiastical, for suppressing or concealing of any Presentment, Examination, or other Ecclesiastical censure, or against Recusants, or any other Offenders, or for not certifying of Recusants to the Ordinary, or for not serving of Process without a summe of money, or other consideration received, or promised to any of them in that respect, and by whom?

2. Whether the Chancellour, Archdeacon, Official, or any other using Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction within this Diocese, their Registers or Apparatores have at any time winked at, and suffered any Adulteries, Fornications, Incests, or any other faults or offences presented to passe, and remaine unpunished?

Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1. **W**hether, and uncorrected for Money, Rewards, Bribes, Plea-
sure, Friendship, or any other partiall respect?

2. **W**hether the Chancellour, Archdeacon, or Officiall
have called for, or caused the Churchwardens to make, bring,
or to pay for any more Bills of presentment, then is to the 116
Canon appointed?

3. **W**hether hath the Chancellour, or any Archdeacon, or
Officiall, or any other, exercising Ecclesiasticall Jurisdiction
within this Diocese, or any Register, Apparatoz, or Minis-
ter belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted ex-
traordinary, or greater Fees then are due and accustomed:
and whether is there a Table of the Rates of all Fees set by
in their severall Courts and Offices: And whether doe they
or any of them exact, or receive greater or more Fees then are
therein expressed: Or whether they or any of them have ta-
ken vpon them the Office of Informers or Promoters to the
Court, or any other way abused themselves in their Offices,
contrary to the Law and Canon in that case provided?

4. **W**hether hath the Chancellour, Archdeacons or Offi-
cials increased the number of their Apparatoz, or appointed
any Apparatoz above the vsuall number, and wherein, and in
what manner is the Country over-burdened and grieved by
the said Apparatoz: And whether doth any of the said Appa-
ratoz cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts, with-
out first a presentment, or Citation obtained from the Judge
of the Court?

Articles concerning Schoole-Masters.

1. **W**hat Recusant Papists are there in your Parish,
and whether doe any of them or any other, keepe
any Schoole-masters in their Houses, who come not to Church
to heare Divine Service, and receive the Communion: what
are their names, and how long haue they taught?

2. **W**hether the Schoole-master or Schoole-masters
within your Parish openly, or priuately in any House,
or in any other place, bee of good and sincere
Religion, (that is of the Religion established in this

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Reialme) life, and conversation, and be diligent in teaching, and b:ringing vp of youth, and whether they haue bene examined, allated, and licensed for Schoole-masters by the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, or his Chancelloz?

3 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters doe themselues receive the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? And whether doe all their Schollers which be of age sufficient, and of capacity by instruction to receive the Lord's Supper come to the Communion, either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell; And whether are they diligent in comming to the Church to heare common Prayer?

4 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters either private, or publicke, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publicke authority at least once every wchke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same? And whether doe they reade vnto their Schollers privately any unlawfull Bookes, or privately instruct them in their young yeares in Popery, Superstition, Schism, or disobedience, or contempt of his Majestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiastical by publicke authority allowed?

5 Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar, then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by authority of King Henry the eighth? And whether they be diligent in instrucing their Schollers in the Catechisme, and grounds of Religion, and in b:ringing them to Church to heare divine Service, and Sermons? And whether are they common Officers, Farmers, Artificers, or otherwise entangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their Schollers in learning?

6 Is any Lining or Meanes given towards the creation or maintenance of any Schoole with holken back or otherwise imployed, and by whom?

7 Doth any keepe Schoole in the Chancell or Church, by which means that holy place, and the Communion Table are many wayes profaned, and the wimotes broken?

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1 **V**V Whether any in your Parish, or elsewhere intre about the same to your knowledge, or as you have heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same power in all causes Ecclesiastical, which the Kings of Israell had, and which the Christian Kings, and Emperours had in the primitive Church : or that hath impeached or gainsaid his Royall Supremacie ?

2 Whether doe you know, or have credibly heard of any within your Parish, that deprauie Christian Religion establisched by publike authority, and professed within the Church of England : And whether hath any person, as you have heard affirmed, that the Church of England is not a true Catholike and Apostolike Church, and doth not teach, and maintaine the Catholike faith, and Doctrine of the Apostles ?

3 Whether hath any said, and affirmed, that any thing in the Booke of Common Prayer, or in the Booke of Articles of Religion, set forth by the Convocation, Anno 1562. or any of the Rites and Ceremonies establisched in the Church of England, are corrupt, wicked, Antichristian, superstitious, vnlawfull, or repugnant to Scriptures ?

4 Whether hath any affirmed, preached, or taught that the forme of consecrating Bishops, and ordaining Priests and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is not agreeable to the word of God : or that the Government of the Church vnder the Kings most excellent Majestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, or others that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the word of God, or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Majesties Courts Ecclesiastical, or the proceedings thereof ?

5 Whether any person in your Parish doe exercise any trades or labour, buy, or sell, or kepe open Shops, or ware houses vpon any Sunday, or Holidays by themselves, their Servants, or Apprentizes, or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes, contrary to the Ordens of the Church of England : And whether there be any Inne-keepers, Ale-houses, kepers,

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keepers, Widewallers, or other persons, that permit any persons in their houses to eat, drinke, or play during the time of Divine Service, or Sermon, or reading the Homilies upon those dayes:

6 Whether hath any in your Parish brawled, quarrelled, or stricken, or used any violence unto, or with your Minister, or any other person in the Church, or Churchyard, or used himselfe disorderly in the Church or Churcyard, by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behaviour:

7 Whether any of your Parishioners, being sixteen yeeres of age or upwards, or others lodging, or commonly resorting to any house within your Parish, do wilfully absent themselves from your Parish Church upon Sundayes, or Holidayes at Morning or Evening Prayers: Or whs come late to Church, and depart from Church before Service be done upon the said dayes: Or who doe not reverently behaue themselves during the time of Divine Service, devoutly knaeling when the general confession of sins, the Letany, the ten Commandements, and all Prayers, and Collects are read, and using all due and lowly reverence, when the blessed name of the Lord Jesu is mentioned, and standing up when the Articles of the Belief are read; or who doe couer their heads in the Church during the time of Divine Service, unlesse it be in case of necessity, in which case they may weare a Night-cap or Coyle: Or who doe give themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentive to heare the word preached, or read: Whether any of your Parish being of sixteen yeeres of age or upwards, doe not receive the holy Communion in your Church thrice every yeare, whereof once at Easter, & whether they doe not devoutly knaele at the receiving thereof: And whether any having divers houses of remoue do shifte fro place to place, of purpose to defeat the performance of their Christian duties in that behalfe:

8 Whether doe the Churchwardens and Sidemen every Sunday and Holiday diligently search who absente him selfe, or her selfe from the Church: Or whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch or Churchyard in the time of common Prayer or Sermon:

9 Whether

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9 Whether the Churchwardens, and Sidemen, or any of them, haue forborne (for money, reward, fauour, or affection) to present any that were, or be negligent in coming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroade, either in the Charchyard or Streets, in the time of Common Prayer, or Sermons, on the Sunday or Holidays?

10 Whether the Churchwardens do provide against every Communion, with the aduise of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of god and wholesome Wine, for the number of Communicants that shall receive, and that it be brought in a cleane and shewt standing Pot of Pewter, or of other purer Metall?

11 Whether haue any of your Parish been Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne Chiloren? Or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue vsed, or doe vsie any other forme, answere or speach in Baptisme, then is by the Booke of Common Prayer appointed? or doe give the chiloren baptizied any name absurd or inconuenient, for so holy an action? or whether any which haue not communicated haue bene admitted to be Godfathers, or Godmothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters, and Mistresses, cause their Chiloren, Servants, and Apprentices, to come to Catechising on Sundayes, & Holidays, before Evening Prayer, to heare, and to be instructed and taught therein? And those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names?

13 Whether haue you, or your Predecessors Churchwardens there, suffered any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church Ales, Drinkings, or any other profane Playes to be kept in your Church, Chappell, or Charchyard?

14 Whether doe any of the Inhabitants within your Parish, entertaine within their Houses any Hosopners, Lodgers, or any common Resorters and Guests, who refuse to frequent divine Service, or receive the holy Communion as aforesaid? What be their names, and of what quality & condition are they?

15 Whether any Popish Recusants doe labour to seduce,

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and withdraw others from the Religion now established in the Church of England, or instruct their Families or Children in Popish Religion, or refuse to entertaine any especially in greatest place of service or trust, but such as concurre with them in their opinions, what be their names that so doe?

16 How long the said Popish Reculants have obstinately abstained either from Divine Service, or from the Communion as is aforesaid, whether of any long time, or only since his Maiesties Raigne, and how many moneths?

17 Whether there be any persons married, or Children Christened, or dead bodies buried within your Parish, by any other then the Minister of the place, or other Minister of the Church of England in his absence: or whether any Child remaine long unbaptized, or bee not baptized in your Parish Church?

18 You shall present how the Children of such as refuse to come to Church, are brought up, under what Scholemaster or Tutores, when, and in what Schoole or place?

19 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offences aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime doe remaine excommunicated: what be their names: and for what cause, and how long have they so stood excommunicated: and whether doe any familiarly use the company of such as do obstinately stand excommunicated knowing the same, and what be their names?

20 Whether were your Churchwardens and Sidemen chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners: and whether have the Churchwardens before you given up a just account for their time of their Receipts and Disbursements, and delivered you whatsoever money, or other things or goods, or Stocks of the Church were in their hands: and whether doe you diligently see that all the Parishioners doe duly resort to their Church every Sunday, and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of Divine Service, and suffer none to stand idle, or walke or talke in the Church porch, or Churchyard during that time?

21 Whether have you a fit Parish Clarke, aged twenty years

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20. Whether at least, of honest conversation, & sufficient for reading, and writing, and whether he be payd his wages without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your Parish? if not, then by whom is he so restrained and denied? And whether is your said Clark approued, and admitted by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancelloz? And whether is hee diligent in his Office, and serviceable to the Minister? And whether doth he take vpon him to meddle with any thing aboue his office, as Churching of women, burying the dead, or such like?

21. Doth your Clark or Verteron keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked at fit times? Is any thing lossoz spoyled in the Church through his default? Are the Communion Table, Font, Bookes, and other Dignaments of the Church kept faire and cleane? Doth he suffer any unseasonable ringing, or any profane exercise in your Church? Or doth he (when any is passing out of this life) neglect to tolle a Bell, hanning notice therof?

22. Whether haue any in your Parish bin maried within the sevres prohibited by the Law, and expressed in a certaine Table published by Authority in Anno 1563. If yea, then you shall present their names; and whether is the said Table publikely set vp in your Church, and fastned to some convenient place there: And whether any couple in your Parish being lawfully maried liue apart one from the other, without due separation of the Law, or any that haue beene diuozed, which keepe company with any other at bed and board?

23. Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or as you haue heard by common fame and report, any which haue committed Adultery, Fornication, or Incest, which haue not beene publikely punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom? Or any man that hath attempted the chastity of any Woman, or any who haue committed Incontinency together before they were maried? Or any in your Parish suspected to be Walers, Harbozers, or Receiuers of such persons, or suspected of any the crimes aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

24. Whether haue you any in your Parish, which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspition reputed and taken to be comition Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy

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Name, common and usuall swearer, filthy speakers, Malers, Sowers of discord among their Neighbours, or speakers against Ministers, Marriages, Usurpers contrary to the Statute made in the 37. of King Henry the eighth, Simoniacall persons, Fighters, Brawlers, or Quarrellers in Church or Churchyard: you shall not fail to present their names.

26 Whether have any in your Parish received or harboured any woman with childe, that was not before a Householder in your Parish, or gotten with childe out of Wedlock; and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinary: You shall present as well the party harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to be the Father of the Childe: and who hath helped to convey her away:

27 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of Incontinency, & therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe, or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard: And whether he or she hath done any Penance, or else escaped without penance, and by what & whose meanes: You shall not fail to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

28 Whether have you in your Parish whiche live together as Man and Wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when they were maried: And herein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or wheresof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectary; present your knowledge herein, and what the common fame or report is among your Neighbours.

29 Whether any within your Parish, or else where with in this Diocese, haue retained or kept in their custody, or read, sell, bittre, disperse, or deliver to any others, any English or Latine Booke or Libel, set forth or Printed either on this side or beyond the Seas by Papists, or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiastical, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, error, or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion and Doctrine now publickely professed in this Church, or the Government or Discipline of the Church of England established by Authority, that

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that you know, or haue heard of, what their names and st. names are?

30 Whether haue you in your Parish any which hereto-
fore being Popish Recusants, or Sectaries, haue since confes-
med themselves, and come to Church to heare Divine Ser-
vices, and receive the Sacrament? if yea, then who they are?
and how long since haue they so conformed themselves? and
whether doe they still abide in that conforimty?

31 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet
proned, or goods of the dead dying Intestate left unadministred
by authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe? And whether
any possesse the goods of any person deceased without authority
from the Ordinary? you shall not faile to present the Execu-
tors, and all other culpable therein; And how many persons
possesse of any Goods or Chattels, haue died within your Pa-
rish since the sixt day of Aprill now last past? And present
their names.

32 Is there any Legacie ginen to the Church, or to other
good and godly uses, as releife of the poore, Orphans, poore
Schollars, poore Maibens Marriages, Schooles, High-wayes,
and such like, which is not yet performed, if there be any such
you shall present what you know, or can learne thereof, and by
whose default the same is not performed? And whether doe
any withhold the Stock of the Church, or any Goods, or other
things ginen to god or charitable uses, And how are they in-
ployed?

33 Whether any of your Parishioners having a Prea-
cher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves
from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to hear other
Preachers, or refuse to receive the holy Communion at their
Ministers hands? And whether any other Minister hath re-
celned to the Communion any of your Parish? and specific the
names both of the Minister, and of the Parishioners.

34 Whether are there any Markets or selling of wares
used or suffered in your Churchyard by common Packmen or
Pedlers going about, or any Watcher, or other Trades-man?
If yea, then you are to present the names of the persons using
it,

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it, and the place or places of their habitations.

35 Whether there be any in your Parish who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to publike Prayers, appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, making a schisme or division (as it were) betwene the use of publike Prayer and Preaching?

36 Whether any married woman within your Parish, after Child-birth, refuse or neglect to come to Church to give Gods thanks for her safe delivery, and to have the Prayers publikely appointed on that behalfe by the Booke of Common Prayer?

37 Are there in your Parish who refuse to have their children baptized, or themselves to receive the Communion, at the hand of your Minister, because hee is no Preacher? Or whether any keepe their children longer unbaptized then is convenient, vntille it be for the sicknesse of the childe, or other vrgent occasion? or whether any doe carrie their childe or chil-
dren from their owne Parish to any other Parish to be bap-
tized, and to what other Parish? who baptized such a childe,
and whose childe it was: and whether have you in your Parish
any childe or children which are not yet knowne to you, or to
your Minister to be baptized, and herein you are especially to
enquire of the children whose Parents or one of them are Re-
fusants?

38 Whether doe you know, or have heard of any Patron in your Parish, that hath made gaine by any colour, deceit, or Simoniacall compad in bestowing his Benefice for gaine, or receiving money, or promise of the Lease of the whole, or part, or by reserving his owne Tithes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other? And whether is your Parson or Vicar known, or by common fame reputed to have bought, or come to his Be-
nefice by Simony, or by corrupt and uniusfull meane?

39 Whether the Almes-houses or Hospitalles in your Par-
ish, are well and godly used, and ordered according to the
Foundations and Ordinances of the same, and whether there
be any other placed in them, then poore, impotent, and natiue
persons, that have not wherewith or whereby to live: and by
who

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whose default are they not so ordered and kept?

40 What Divines have you in your Parish, of what skill are they accounted of for that Office, and whether are they licensed by their Ordinary to execute the same?

41 Whether have you any in your Parish that practise Physicke or Surgery, of what skill are they accounted for their profession, and whether doe they practise without a particular license from the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse or his Chancelloz?

42 Whether have any of your Parish dying Excommunicate, or wilfully destroying himselfe, beeene buried in the Church or Churchyard, by whom, and by whose procurement?

43 Whether any in your Parish have or doe refuse to contribute towards the reparation of the Church, and to the provision of such things as belong thereto?

44 Whether the fish of Penitence be kept in your Parish with Prayer, and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, in such forme as is by publike Authority appointed for that day?

45 Whether any of, or in your Parish, without consent of the Ordinary, or other lawfull authority, have caused any to doe penance, or to be censured or punished, for any matter of Ecclesiasticall cognizance by any Assembly meetings, or otherwise by their owne authority: or have taken any money or Commutation for the same: Present their names that have done it: And who have beeene so punished: In what manner, and upon what cause?

46 Whether hath any person disturbed your Minister in time of Divine Service, or Sermon; or Libelled or spoken scanderous words against him, to the scandall of his vocation?

47 Whether any of your Parish have held or frequented, or hold or frequent any Conventicles, or private Congregations, or make or maintaine any Constitutions agreed vpon in such assemblies: or whether there be in your Parish any Anthonys, Paintainers, or Favourers of any Heretike or Schismite, or that be suspected to be Anabaptists, Libertines, Brownists, of the family of Lome, or of any other Heretike

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